Principal's Report

Back to School

We have had a busy return to school this week with our Year 12 Studio Arts students heading down to Melbourne to the Top Arts exhibition and with training for next week’s Cross Country in full swing. After feedback from students and parents, we are modifying the Cross Country distance for Year 5/6 students from 3 to 2 kilometres. Those qualifying for the next level can then train over the longer distance.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews P-12 are scheduled for next Monday afternoon. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss their children’s progress and further develop the home/school partnership which is so important to learning.

Senior Work Experience

There are some proposed changes to our Year 11 Work Experience this year. Staff have expressed concern about the time missed with Work Experience at Year 11 particularly for those completing a Unit 3/4 subject. We have also noticed a lack of interest by students, with only one student having formally organised their placement. Taking all factors into consideration the plan is to move Year 11 Work Experience until after the end of year exams. Alternatively, students may participate in Work Experience during school holidays. We believe that given students will have the yearly Careers trips to Melbourne and Bendigo this is the best use of student time. Mrs Sly, our Careers Advisor, is available to assist students and parents with Work Experience or any career pathway questions.

School Council

We welcomed Mrs Leisa Cronin onto school council this week. At Tuesday’s meeting the Year 10 Canberra Camp was approved along with the trip to Melbourne for the State Swimming competition by teams of senior students. School Council is in the process of purchasing a new outdoor sound system which will, hopefully, make hearing announcements at sports events easier and plans are in place for the installation of another basketball ring beside the tennis courts.

Contacting Staff

Parents and guardians are encouraged to be involved in their students’ schooling and are welcome to make contact with us to make appointments to speak to teachers. We would however ask that appointments be made through the General Office, as teachers are often busy preparing for classes at the beginning of the day and have meetings some nights after school each week. Teachers are on duty from 8.30am until 4.00pm each day. We ask that parents not contact teachers after school hours in any way.

Leanne Dawes
Principal

◄ Thanks to our Year 10 Ag. Hort. students & a great watering system the quadrangle is looking very lush.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life must be lived as play
Plato

WEEKLY AWARDS

Super Star of the Week:
Prep:
Grade 1 & 2:
Grade 3 & 4:

Literacy Award:
Prep:
Grade 1:
Grade 1/2:
Grade 3:
Grade 4:

Attendance Bear:
Grade

Aussie of the Month:

NO AWARDS THIS WEEK

SHEEP SALE ROSTER:

April 21st
WORKERS
Vanessa Anderson (5092 1379)
Angela Greed

COOKS
Danny Phillips
Helen McKay
Melanie Grace

April 28th
WORKERS
Raelene Vine
Kim Mudge

COOKS
Krystal Schloss
Stephanie Wethers

BUS TRAVELLERS:
Primary Students
Parents are asked to send a note or make a phone call or notify via tiqbiz when your child/ren are not going to travel on the bus.
If we do not have a note or have not received a phone call, your child will be required to travel on their designated bus.

CHANGED MEDICAL CONDITIONS:
Please remember to inform the school if your child develops a medical condition or allergy which you may not have included on your original enrolment form.
It is extremely important for us to have accurate medical records if an emergency occurs.

WATER BOTTLES:
Students are permitted to bring a pop-top water bottle to school to use during class time. They are particularly important in hot weather.
Please ensure the bottles are named.

LATE PASSES:
Any student who is late for school needs to come to the General Office for a late pass.
This ensures a student is not marked absent for the day.

SCHOOL BANKING:
A reminder to all parents that school banking is on Wednesdays.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER:
If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or changed employment, please advise the school. We require the correct address and contact numbers in an emergency.

VISITORS:
All visitors to our school, including parents, are expected to report to the Office to SIGN IN.

HATS:
Hats must be worn in Terms 1 & 4.
LIBRARY NEWS:

For the next two weeks we have an ANZAC Day display in the library, to highlight the significance of this day to our students. Thank you to Miss Cross for her photos and memorabilia, and to Sue and John Gilchrist for the mannequin. A special thank you to Private Smith who has loaned us his NATO desert cams. This uniform has seen two tours of Afghanistan and I am honoured to have been loaned it to use in the display.

Roxanne Simmonds
Librarian

*Congratualtions to Lee Conlin who marched out at Kapooka in 11 Platoon B Company on April 1st.

Lee completed Year 12 at Ouyen P-12 College in 2015.

*Congratulations to James Doyle who was the Office Good Manners Award recipient for March.
GUITAR LESSONS: Alterations to timetable
⇒ Due to the Cross Country next Wednesday, April 20th guitar lessons will be held **Tuesday, April 19th**.
⇒ ANZAC Day Monday, April 25th change to **Thursday, April 28th**
⇒ Queen’s Birthday Weekend Monday, June 13th change to **Thursday, June 16th**

Please remember to bring your guitar on these altered days.

KICK-START THE DAY WITH BREAKFAST:
It is the most important meal of the day, yet 1 in 4 Australian children don’t have breakfast. And, according to teachers, kids who miss out on breakfast can have all sorts of problems, such as difficulty concentrating and becoming tired.

**Why eat breakfast?**
After fasting all night, breakfast is the first source of energy kids get to help them go about their physical and mental activities. Kids who eat breakfast can:
- Concentrate longer
- Remember things better
- Solve mathematical problems
- Understand more when reading/listening

Some suggestions for healthy breakfasts include
- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain or wholemeal toast, raisin bread or muffins
- Fresh fruit with yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies
- Porridge with warm milk

BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS each week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Food Tech room, next to the Cafeteria.

FOOD TECH:
There are many processes, procedures and chemical reactions in creating food that affect the end result. Last term had a lot of focus on doughs and pastries - activating yeast, proving, kneading, soft elasticity, rolling etc. This week the students made flat breads, developing their dough skills, and adding the processes of pureeing and mixing using blenders. The Food Tech centre was redolent with a variety of aromas as Carrot and Ginger, Dutch Pumpkin, Thai Sweet Potato and Red Lentil, and Zucchini and Bacon soups were created. Thanks to local cooks for their tried and tested recipes - the soups were superb.
NET, SET, GO:
The starting date for Net, Set, Go has been moved to May to accommodate the upgrade of the court at Blackburn Park. The start date and times of sessions will be provided closer to the end of April.

Participant Registration:
Please use the following link to register: http://finder.netsetgo.asn.au/common/pages/public/programfinder.aspx
Once here, please search for the Ouyen centre and register into the program.
If you have registered in a previous year – you can go to return user section. If you do not know your ID please use your email address, as these were entered last year if one was supplied upon registering.

Registration Close Date:
The registration close date is currently set at 21/04/2016. When registering, please identify the T-shirt required.
Late Registrations:
Netballers who are registered after this date will have a delay in receiving their participant pack.

OUYEN P-12 COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL 2016

10.00 am 9/10 Year Old Girls (2km)
10.20 am 9/10 Year Old Boys (2km)
10.40 am 11/12 Year Old Girls (2km)
11.00 am 11/12 Year Old Boys (2km)
11.20 am 6 Year Old & under (400m)
11.25 am 7 Year Old Boys & Girls (400m)
11.30 am 8 Year Old Boys & Girls (450m)
11.40 am Girls 12-13/14 Years (2km)
12.00 pm Boys 12-13/14 Years (2km)
12.20 pm Girls 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)
12.50 pm Boys 15/16/17/21 Years (3km)

WHOLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION – 2.50pm

Students will have time in PE and sport classes to get in some training.
Students are encouraged to do some training before the event.
Maps of the courses are on the sport notice boards in the p-4 and 5/6 area.
**SSV STATE SWIMMING**

Nine students are heading to Melbourne on Monday to compete in the SSV State Swimming Finals at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). They have been training well over the holidays and are prepared to compete at their best.

Good Luck to -
Laura Hayter, Ellen Morrish, Lucy Morrish, Lauren Grace, Allie Winslow
Peter Darley, James Phillips, Brody Morrish, Kyle Sporn

A Massive Thank You to Alan Vallance who has made his 14 seater bus available for travel to Swimming training in Mildura.

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**HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2016**

Events commence at 11.35 a.m.
Approximate Secondary Race times will be:

- 11.40 a.m. Girls 12-13/14 Years
- 12.00 a.m. Boys 12-13 /14 Years
- 12.20 a.m. Girls 15/16/17/21 Years
- 12.50 a.m. Boys 15/16/17/21 Years

**LUNCH TIME TRAINING**

Cross Country Training is open to all interested students in Years 3-12 keen to improve their fitness and competitive edge or just wanting to increase their activity levels.

It has been great to see some students attending training. Well done, we hope to see your faces more regularly now as commitment to training is one of the criteria used to select Mallee Division Cross Country teams.

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday -**

Cross Country Training

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**FOURTHCOMING DATES**

- **OP-12 College Cross Country**
  Wed 20th April Ouyen

- **SSV Mallee Division Cross Country**
  Tuesday, 17th May Ouyen

- **SSV Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country**
  Tuesday, 31st May St. Arnaud

**SCORES**

1. Medallions to winners in Junior 12-14 Years, Intermediate 15 - 16 Years, Senior 17-20 Years and Open (16-20 Years) Sections.
2. Ribbons to placegetters in each age group.
3. Scoring is based on time achieved.
4. Teams - The best five (5) scores in each section: 12-14 Years, 15 & 16 Years and 17-20 Years.
5. Overall Aggregate - Total team points earned in all sections.
6. Cross Country performances are a vital element in the selection of all teams for the Mallee Division Athletics and Winter Games Championships.

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**HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

The Interhouse Cross Country will be staged Wednesday, April 20th rain or shine. With Olympic currently in the lead in the House Cup, the competition is set to be fierce. Cross Country is both an individual and team event and it is important that all house members compete to the best of their ability. The Junior students (13 & 14 Years) will be racing over approx. 2km and the Senior students (15, 16, 17 & 18-20 Years) approx. 3km.

The event is completed over periods 3 & 4 and all students are expected to be at school for the whole day. If, for some legitimate reason, you are unable to participate please give a note to Mrs. Lonergan prior to race day.

It is important that students remember to bring their sports uniform on Race Day so that they can compete in the Cross Country. Students must change into sports uniform prior to their event, in time to be at the starting line at least 10 minutes before their race is scheduled to start.

Track suit pants and rugby tops will be discouraged while running the races, however students may wear them before and after their race. Tights or shorts and house shirt are preferable to run in.

A map of the course will be found on notice boards around the school and is the same as in previous years, encompassing the school boundaries and bottom oval area. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along and support the runners.

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**WAKE UP WITH DETERMINATION**

Wake up with determination
Go to bed with satisfaction
Work Experience / Structured Work Placement Dates – 2016

Year 10 – August, 15th / 19th

Construction Induction Card - Year 10
This one day course is suitable for all year 10 students

Date: - Friday 27th May 2016
Cost: - $65 per student, balance subsidized by MIPPS/Cash or Cheque payable to SundaysTAFE

Chances for Children Funding Round Is Due To Open
Open: 29th February – Closing 22nd April 2016.

ACU – Australian Catholic University
University Experience
When: Tuesday 5th July, Melbourne Tuesday 28th June, Ballarat
A Free Program for all Year 10, 11 & 12 Students
Please register via www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience

La Trobe University – 2016 Experience La Trobe Events
This is a chance to see the facilities, find out about courses and careers
When: Melbourne (Bundoora) Thursday 31st March; Thursday 7th July
Bendigo Friday 14th April; & Wednesday 6th July
Mildura Friday 8th July
For information and booking www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

ICHM – International College of Hotel Management – Adelaide
Career Week 2016 11th – 15th July and 26th – 30th September
Application form available from the Career Office

University Open Day Dates 2016 – Open Days are held at universities and TAFE institutes each year, giving the public the opportunity to see the facilities, talk to staff and students, collect information and attend information sessions.

Sunday 17th April – Dookie (University of Melbourne)
Sunday 31st July – Swinburne University
Sunday 7th August – Deakin University (Warrnambool); La Trobe University (Bundoora); Monash University ( Caulfield & Clayton).
Friday 12th Saturday & 13th August – Flinders University. S.A
Sunday 14th August – ACU (Melbourne), La Trobe University (Bendigo):
RMIT, William Anglis Institute
Uni S.A, University of Adelaide
Sunday 21st August – Box Hill (Lilydale campus): University of Melbourne
Deakin University (Waterfront & Warrun Ponds);
Sunday 28th August – ACU (Ballarat); Deakin University (Burwood);
Federation University; Victoria University
( Foustercay campus)

The MacPherson Smith Rural Foundation Scholarship (MSRF) is a charitable institution dedicated to the needs of rural and regional Victorian communities.
Applications for 2017 scholarships Open on 1st May 2016
Close at midnight on 18th July 2016.
Value: $45,000 over 3 years


Names to Sue Sly if you are intending to apply for this scholarship

Aquinas College, Catholic University Residential College, Adelaide
Applications are now open for Students considering tertiary studies for 2017 who would like to reside at Aquinas College.
www.aquinas.edu.au

Job Vacancies Currently Available
SMGT – Mildura
Blind and AWning Fitter
Retail Traineeship AusTrek
3 x 1st Year Commercial Cookery Apprentice
Sales Fitter Trainee AusTrek
Contact: Helene Hederies – SMGT, Phone: 0429 817 844

MAS National – Mildura
Apprentice Chef - Cert III Commercial Cookery
Apprentice Engineer (Fitter & Turner - Cert III Engineering Mechanical Trade
Apprentice Carpenter - Cert III Carpentry
Bistro Trainee Front of House - Cert III Hospitality
Sales (A/S) - Cert II Warehousing Operations
Apprentice Electrician - Cert III Electrotechnology Electrician
Apprentice Painter - Cert III Paining & Decorating
Apprentice Baker - Cert III Retail Baking (Combined)

Sales Position / Barista, Busy Café
Assistant Recruitment Consultant (Labour Hire & Staffing Solutions)
Retail Sales (Cert II Retail Part-Time)
Sales / Fitter Trainee
Blind / AWning Fitter
Contact Fiona or Breeze at MAS National 5023 6166

The University of Melbourne - Meet Melbourne in Mildura
When: Tuesday 3rd May, 2016,
Time: 6pm – 8.30pm
Location: The Ballroom, Quality Hotel Mildura Grand, 7th Street, Mildura
Register: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/meet-melbourne/mildura

Information session for prospective students and their families:
• to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about:
  • Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
  • Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
  • Housing options, scholarships and student services
  • Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to eligible students from rural and regional areas, and those with a disadvantaged financial background
  • Information for Indigenous students

Flinders University - Work Experience for High School Students
The Faculty of Science & Engineering offers work experience placements to high school students wishing to further their studies in STEM subjects and are interested in a career in the following areas; biology, chemistry, computer Science/Information Technology, engineering, environment, mathematics and physics.

Dates and times are:
• 14 - 17 June, 9:00am - 4:00pm (applications close 9 April)
• 12 - 15 September, 9:00am - 4:00pm (applications close 24 June)
For more information to apply, please visit the work experience page: https://www.flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/future-students-high-schools-community/work-experience.cfm

Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre
The careers in sports medicine evening aims to build awareness of the health professionals involved in caring for athletes, whether they compete for Australia or exercise for fitness.

Date: - Wednesday 18th May
Venue: AAMI Park, AAMI Park Stadium, Melbourne VIC 3004
Talks Commence: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Cost: $25 per student
Parent/Guardian no charge
Register Online by Tuesday 17th May at www.trybooking.com

PROGRAMME - Practitioners from each discipline will be giving short talks and the rest of the team will be available for plenty of question time.

• Sports Medicine
• Nutrition
• Podiatry
• Psychology
• Massage Therapy
• Physiotherapy
• Exercise Physiology

Enquiries and Further Information:
Megan Marshall Ph. (03) 9420 4312 or events@opsme.com.au

Sue Sly
Careers Coordinator
Meeting: We had some wide-ranging discussions and feedback time at Monday’s meeting. A diverse range of opinions in a small group showed how challenging it can be for a school to maximise outcomes for children when the breadth of difference can be so wide.

Mr. Hager was our guest speaker – focussing on the Energy Breakthrough Market Day on May 15. Parents Association will look after the BBQ/ coleslaw on that day.

We had discussion around relationships programs as extensions to what is offered in class by the school. Planning is progressing for the Girls in a Whirl program for girls in Years 4 and 5. Parents Association will fund this. Mrs. Dawes outlined aspects of the reporting process and asked for feedback on particular points. This was varied.

She also talked about structural changes within the LMRegion and the impact they have on the school.

There was discussion about school events and various proposed works around the school. We have funded play equipment for the P-8 children to use at recess and lunch.

Our Facebook page details are being refined. Various DET links for parent info will be on it. Information re events/ sheep sale etc will be available. Stay tuned.

We still would love to see a parent rep per year level at meetings to get a good perspective.

Membership – PA membership can be paid to the school office using the attached slip. It entitles you to minutes etc, covers you when participating at PA activities and shows you have an interest in supporting the school. $5 per family unit [1, 2, 3 .. parents]

Catering – The CFA dinner will be on next Tuesday, April 19th at the CFA complex. Forgot to offer to help? Year 3/ 4 parents catch up with Pat Higgins on 0427669331, Year 11/ 12 – please contact Yvonne Sporn on 0448153198. There are a couple of things not yet covered.

Workers:
Tues 2:00p.m. – some food preparation: 2 people
Tues evening 5:30 – cooking, heating, gravy: 2 people
6:30 - plating up - 3 plus 2 to wait table
Clean up

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Donations towards cost of meat, rolls, etc welcome

Sheep Sale FAQ sheet. We have a bit of information in a Question and Answer format which should help explain the mystery of the Sheep Sale to new families. This will be sent out in the next week. We appreciate the contribution of every school family to this community service school fundraiser.

Girls in a Whirl – We are planning a ‘Girls in a Whirl’ program for girls in Years 4 and 5 with their mothers/guardians. It will be held at school and will be conducted by Tania Down. Girls in a Whirl focuses on the changes in girls as they enter puberty. It is educational and enjoyable. If you are interested in participating with your daughter, please return the Expression of Interest form handed out in class by Friday, April 22nd.

Thanks in anticipation

Raelene Vine – President, Helen Lam – Secretary

MEMBERSHIP & MINUTES

NAME/S:  ……………………………………………………………………………………………

$ ENCLOSED  …………………

Please select

☐ I would like to receive a printed copy of PA minutes via my child
Child: ……………………………………….Yr. level. ……………………………

☐ I would like to receive minutes via e-mail
 e-mail: ………………………………………………………………………

☐ I do not wish to receive minutes

My preferred time for PA meetings is: …………………………………………………………………………………
UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR SCHOOLS:

International Competitions are set in Australian schools with more than a million student entries each year from over 6,300 schools and more than 20 countries.

The University of NSW is offering children the opportunity to participate in these annual competitions. These competitions are held:

• As a skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 3 - 12.
• To gather performance information through in school testing
• To provide a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance
• To map development from primary through secondary
• Certificates of High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit & Participation are awarded
• Results and analytical reports are available to parents and students
• Entries are administered through school so teachers can access the information

To enrol your child, please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to your child’s home group teacher or the General Office by Wednesday, April 27th.

2016 International Competitions for Schools (ICAS) REGISTRATION

I give permission for my child (please print)………………………………………………………….. of Year/Grade………….. to participate in the following International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter.

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Please find enclosed the amount of $…………………………………………total entry fee.

Name of Parent/Guardian……………………………………………………………………………….

Signature of Parent/Guardian…………………………………………………………………………

Date………………………………………………………………………………
May Market
Sunday, May 15th, 10am-2pm
School Grounds

In aid of our
HPV RACV Energy Breakthrough Teams

Undercover sites available for $10 with all proceeds going directly to the Ouyen P-12 HPV RACV Energy Breakthrough racing teams.
For information please phone Bobbie 50921182 or email Norm hager.norman.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Check out our display on the day!!

Make sure you get some tickets in our great wood raffle.

- Car Boot Sale
- Local Produce
- Sell your unwanted items
- Hand carwash
- Hot & Cold Drinks
- BBQ

WOOD RAFFLE
Tickets $2 ea / 3 for $5
Drawn 15th May at the Market.
Proceeds towards RACV Energy Breakthrough.